

about 4 [in a diffusion inhibiting medium] to a body site in an amount effective to enhance local blood flow.

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2. (Twice Amended) A method for topical delivery of nitric oxide (NO) comprising applying an effective amount of a [composition] first gel comprising a [powdered] nitrite salt, and a second gel comprising a [powdered] biocompatible reductant, and an acid having a pKa between about 1 and about 4 [in a diffusion-inhibiting medium] to a body site.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 1 or 2 where the [medium is an] gels are aqueous [gel] gels.

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 1 or 2 where the [medium is an organic salve] body site is a burn.

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(Twice Amended) A composition for generating and controlling the release rate of NO for topical applications, the composition comprising a first aqueous gel and a second aqueous gel, the first gel comprising a nitrite salt, and the second gel comprising an acid having a pKa between about 1 and about 4 and at least one [and at least one] of the first and second gel comprising [a] biocompatible reductant.